

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY~~COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) 25X1 REPORTTOPIC Volkspolizei Artillery Officer School in Eggesin-HockersmündeEVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 25X1DATE OBTAINED 25X1 DATE PREPARED 8 January 1951REFERENCES 25X1PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 1

REMARKS

- 25X1 1. A VP officer school conducting basic infantry training and subsequently training with artillery pieces of various calibers was located in Eggesin (N 54/Q 28) in mid-November. *
2. For training purposes, the school had eight light 105-mm field howitzers, several 75-mm field howitzers, allegedly of Soviet origin, and one 88-mm AA gun. The latter gun was used for practicing AT defense and ground combat.**
- 25X1 3. Twelve heavy Soviet artillery pieces, allegedly of 210 mm caliber, were stored in an ordnance hall which was always locked and guarded by Soviet sentries. It was said that the guns would be fired during a combat exercise scheduled to be held in the Jueterbog (N 52/E 69) area in early November 1950. ***
- 25X1 4. A Soviet liaison officer was attached to each company of the school. The liaison officer wore the uniform of a VP Inspekteur.
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 Comment. The Eggesin VP school for artillery training was previously confirmed.

25X1 ** Comment. The 75-mm field howitzers of Soviet origin probably were 76.2-mm field guns.

** Comment. It is doubted that the artillery pieces in storage were Soviet 203-mm guns. They probably were Soviet 122-mm howitzers or, at most, 152-mm gun howitzers, such as have also been issued to other VP artillery units.

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